

Senators Brass of the 28th, Strickland of the 17th and Robertson of the 29th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 543 (LC 41 1967S) by replacing*
2 *lines 53 and 54 with the following:*

3 was fostered or supported by a parent of the child, and such individual and the parent have
4 understood, acknowledged, or accepted or behaved as

5 *By replacing lines 97 and 98 with the following:*

6 fostered or supported by a parent of the child, and such individual and the parent have
7 understood, acknowledged, or accepted or behaved as though such individual

8 *By replacing subsection designations "(f)", "(g)", and "(h)" on lines 107, 109, and 114 with*
9 *"(h)", "(i)", and "(j)", respectively, and by replacing lines 105 and 106 with the following:*

10 (e) In determining the existence of harm, the court shall consider factors related to the
11 child's needs, including, but not limited to:

12 (1) Who are the past and present caretakers of the child;

13 (2) With whom has the child formed psychological bonds and the strength of those
14 bonds;

15 (3) Whether competing parties evidenced an interest in, and contact with, the child over
16 time; and

17 (4) Whether the child has unique medical or psychological needs that one party is better
18 able to meet.

19 (f) A court may grant standing on an individual seeking to be adjudicated as an equitable
20 caregiver on the basis of the consent of the child's parent for such individual to have a
21 parental relationship with the child, or on the basis of a written agreement between the
22 individual seeking to be adjudicated as an equitable caregiver and the child's parent,
23 indicating an intention to share or divide caregiving responsibilities for the child.

24 (g) The court may enter an order as appropriate to establish parental rights and
25 responsibilities for such individual, including, but not limited to, custody or visitation.